

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, January 28, 2008
Room W125, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

Member Present: Sen. Allen Christensen, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Merlynn Newbold, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Chris Butters
Sen. Peter Knudson
Sen. Ross Romero
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Roz McGee
Rep. Paul Neuenschwander
Rep. Steve Urquhart
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Richard Greenwood

Staff Present: Debbie Headden, Fiscal Analyst
Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Joan Tiffany, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Rep. David Litvack
Duane Betournay, Child & Family Services, DHS
Senator Karen Mayne
Kurt Hegmann, Center Director, Univ.of Utah Rocky Mtn. Center of
Environmental Health
Rep. Tim Cosgrove
Chaplain Gerald White, Utah Army National Guard
Rep. Phil Riesen
Melissa Larsen, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood
Darin Underwood, Audit Manager, Legislative Auditor General
Janice Coleman, Supervisor, Legislative Auditor General
Mark Ward, Deputy Director, DHS
Dallas Earnshaw, Utah State Hospital
Lisa Michele Church, Executive Director, Human Services, DHS
Alan Ormsby, Aging & Adult Services, DHS
Michael Hales, Division Director, DHCF, UDOH
Adam Trupp, Utah Association of Counties
Rep. Paul Ray
Michael Syler, American Cancer Society(ACS)
Dr. Brett T. Parkinson, American Cancer Society(ACS)
Casey Hill, Director of Advocacy, American Heart Association(AHA)
Senator Allen Christensen
Richard Melton, Deputy Director, UDOH
Paul Patrick, UDOH
Teresa Garrett, Div. Director Laboratory Services, UDOH
Dr. George Delavan, Director Community & Family Services, UDOH
Rep. Eric Hutchings
Stan Parrish, Utah Partnership for Healthy Weight

A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

1. Committee Co-Chair Newbold called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.
2. There were no minutes for approval.

3. HB122, "Driver's License for Youth in State Custody"

Sen. Litvack discussed the bill with the fiscal note of \$37,800. Questions were asked by Rep. Neuenschwander and Sen. Christensen. Duane Betournay, DCFS and Rep. Litvack addressed the questions. Rep. Litvack gave a further explanation and stated the bill was approved by the House Transportation Standing Committee.

4. Request for Appropriation for the Rocky Mountain Occupational and Health

Sen. Mayne explained the request and the workers who would benefit from this funding. The request for funds is \$100,000 one-time and \$150,000 ongoing and she explained her request. Sen. Buttars and Rep. Newbold inquired about the program and Kurt Hegmann, RMCOEH, addressed these questions. Sen. Mayne expressed her support for the request.

5. Counseling Services for Veterans and Their Families

Rep. Cosgrove discussed the request for \$100,000 ongoing and \$180,000 one-time. Chaplain Gerald White, UTARNG, explained the need for this request and the areas where it is needed. Reps. Neuenschwander and Litvack asked questions and was responded by Chaplain White. Rep. Cosgrove expressed his support for the request.

6. HB0015-Control and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Rep. Riesen explained the bill and the need for it. The fund request is for \$350,000 ongoing for public education campaign. Sen. Romero asked a question about male carriers of the diseases and Melissa Larsen, PPAC addressed the topic.

7. Legislative Auditor General's report on the Utah State Hospital audit

The report was distributed to the committee.

Darin Underwood and Janice Coleman, Legislative Auditors reported on the auditors' brief of the Utah State Hospital. Dep. Director Mark Ward, DHS and Dallas Earnshaw, Supt. Utah State Hospital responded and concurred with the audit. Rep. McGee had a question concerning this audit and Mark Ward addressed it.

8. Aging Alternatives Program

Debbie Headden explained Issue Brief 09-20 Nursing Home Alternatives Program. The Analyst recommends that this request of \$500,000 from General Fund be placed on the priority list for the Nursing Home Alternatives program to provide services for 144 new clients for FY 2009.

Lisa Michele Church, Ex.Dir., DHS presented this program. Alan Ormsby, DAAS presented on the building block with explanations in support of the request for the funds of this program. Reps. McGee and Neuenschwander asked questions and they were addressed by Mr. Ormsby.

9. Meals on Wheels

Analyst Headden explained Issue Brief 09-21 Meals on Wheels. The Analyst recommends that \$318,300 from the General Fund be placed on the priority list for FY 2009 to provide 57,870 additional meals for the Meals on Wheels Program for about 579 individuals.

Mr. Ormsby presented his support for this program and the requested funds needed.

10. Long-term Care Ombudsman

Analyst Headden explained Issue Brief 09-22 Long-term Care Ombudsman. The Analyst does not recommend additional funding for the Long-term Care Ombudsman program for FY 2009. The increase in funding and FTEs from the transfer from APS can be used to provide preventative services. The change in referrals and consultations has actually experienced a decrease of 2.38 percent since FY 2003.

Mr. Ormsby responded that he disagreed with the Analyst's recommendation and he presented his concerns. Rep. Newbold had some questions and they were addressed by Mr. Ormsby.

11. Nursing Home Placement Prevention Pilot

Analyst Headden explained Issue Brief 09-23 Nursing Home Placement Prevention Pilot. The recommendation was that \$60,000 in one-time General Fund be placed on the priority list for the Nursing Home Placement Prevention Pilot program for FY 2009. It is also the recommendation of the Analyst that the Department of Health transfer \$106,500 in General Fund to the Division of Aging and Adult Services for FY 2009. It is the recommendation of the Analyst that the following intent language be adopted for FY 2009:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Aging and Adult Services report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by the 2009 General Session on the Nursing Home Placement Prevention Pilot program. This report is to include the number of clients served and the total expenditures for the program and the cost savings generated.

Mr. Ormsby responded in support of this program. Sen. Christensen submitted some questions and expressed his support. Michael Hales, Dep. Dir, UDOH and Lisa Michele Church responded with comments. Rep. Litvack addressed a concern about this item missing on a handout.

12. Utah Association of Counties (Aging Services and Local Health Department)

Adam Trupp, UAC addressed his support of these services and the need for more funds in this area. He also supports a cost of living adjustment and a program for one-time funding of \$300,000 for Caregivers.

13. HB0017-Cancer Screening and Gold Medal Schools

Rep. Ray explained the bill and appropriations needed. Michael Syler, ACS discussed statistics of cases of certain cancers and his support of funding for screening. Sen. Christensen asked questions concerning eligibility for screening. Dr. Brett Parkinson, Radiologist, ACS explained screening for breast cancer and the need for this funding. Rep. Ray discussed the amount of \$2.3 million needed. Rep. Greenwood made a comment in support for this bill. Rep. Ray addressed a question from Rep. Litvack.

Rep. Ray discussed the Gold Medal Schools and their participation. He stated that only elementary schools are participating now but wants the program introduced to junior highs. The funds requested is \$800,000 ongoing.

14. Emergency Defibrilators (AED's)-appropriations request

Sen. Christensen explained the bill. Casey Hill, AHA explained and demonstrated the AED. He expressed his support for this equipment with a handout and explained the funds requested of \$134,000 per yr. for 3 years. Sen. Romero submitted some questions and these were addressed by Mr. Hill.

15. Health Department Fees

A handout of fees was distributed to the committee.

Russell Frandsen, Analyst explained Issue Brief 09-10 Health Department Fees. The Analyst recommends that the subcommittee approve these proposed changes.

Rep. Newbold asked about increase in fees. Richard Melton, Paul Patrick, and Mr. Frandsen addressed the increases in fees. Teresa Garrett explained the increased fees in laboratory testing. Dr. Delavan explained the new procedure codes for testing. Sen. Christensen questioned some of the fees and this was addressed by Dr. Delavan.

16. HB263-Autism and Infant and Toddler Immune Disorders/ Autism Building Block Request

Rep. Hutchings explained the bill and his support for it. He discussed the Autism Registry at the U of U as a one-stop information base. The building block requested is \$350,000 ongoing. Rep. Ray and Sen. Christensen questioned about the use of the funding and Rep. Hutchings addressed this. Dr. Delavan explained the handout that was distributed to the committee.

17. Technical Adjustments to Base

Mr. Frandsen explained Issue Brief 09-12 Technical Adjustments to Base.
Five Changes with \$0 Net Impact to the State

1. The Department of Workforce Services is transferring \$107,000 General Fund (\$214,000 total funding to cover the personnel services costs of 2 FTE's retained by the Department of Health during the recent eligibility services consolidation. This change is for FY 2008 and FY 2009.

2. The 2007 Legislature approved a 1.5% discretionary salary increase, The funding was placed by the Analyst in a proportionate manner across Line Items, based on total salaries. The Department has now decided where to give the 1.5% discretionary salary increases and needs to transfer \$72,000 General Fund to pay for those costs in the appropriate Line Item. This change is for FY 2008 and FY 2009.

3. The Department of Health wants to move the Utah State Immunization Information System from the Executive Director's Office Public Health Data to Community and Family Health. The change is proposed because the program is closely related to other child immunization programs in Community and Family Health. This represents a transfer of \$320,000 General Fund in FY 2009.

4. The new IT rate plan for the Department of Technology Services required the Department to make other changes in order to remain eligible for federal funds. To comply with federal rules, the Department is proposing to transfer 2 IT FTE's from Health Care Financing to the Executive Director's Office. This represents a transfer of \$48,100 General Fund. This change is for FY 2008 and FY 2009.

5. The Department of Health owes the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) approximately \$100,000 General Fund for translation services provided by DWS but funded in Health. Additionally, the Department should be receiving approximately \$100,000 more General Fund money from the (DWS) for 4 additional FTE's retained by the Department after their salary costs were already transferred to DWS. The net effect is \$0 between the two agencies, but additional funds are needed to pay personnel costs of the two retained employees in Health. This money will be transferred from the Medical Assistance Line Item to Health Care Financing.

The Analyst recommends that the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee approve the technical changes to the budget as detailed above.

18. Partnership for Healthy Weight Building Block Request

Dr. Delavan addressed this topic and the funding of a one-time \$200,000 start up program partnership. Stan Parrish, UPHW explained and stated his support for this program. Reps. Ray, Newbold, and Neuenschwander asked some questions and Stan Parrish addressed them. The blueprint of this program is available on the Health Department website.

MOTION:

Rep. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting.

Co-Chair Newbold adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Joan Tiffany, Secretary

Sen. Allen Christensen, Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold, Committee Co- Chair